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## MISSION COVERAGE INDEX

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MISSIONS ☐ 2062, 2063, & 3040 4 JUNE 1964

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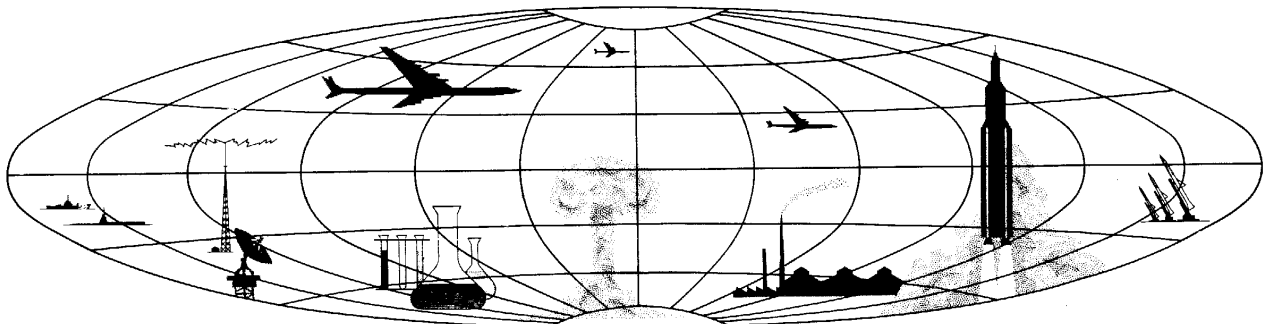
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#### PREFACE

THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] MISSIONS 2060, 2061 AND 3037 DATED 3 JUNE 64 AND 2062, 2063 AND 3040 DATED 4 JUNE 64 COVERING LAOS. NO TARGETS WERE OBSERVED ON MISSIONS 2062 AND 3040. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGES, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER. AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1:250,000.

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## SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR A) NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS, B) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS WHICH SHOW A CHANGE, AND C) ALL TARGETS SHOWING ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST</p> <p>AN OCCUPIED, PROBABLE 37 MM AAA SITE, IN AN 8-POINTED STAR PATTERN, CONTAINS 3 REVETTED POSITIONS, AT UTM UG284396, 0.7 NM AAA SITE.)</p> <p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>THA THOM AIRFIELD IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THA THOM. 1,700 X 160 FT NW/SE NATURAL SURFACE RUNWAY, PROBABLY SERVICEABLE. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BAN SOUI AIRFIELD 0.8 NM SSE OF BAN SOUI. TWO PT-76 TANKS OBSERVED ONE ON EACH SIDE OF RUNWAY IN SMALL HILLTOP STRONGPOINTS. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]</p> <p>AIRCRAFT -- ONE C-123 AND ONE BEAVER.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BAN PHO KHAM, LANDING STRIP 0.2 NM NW OF BAN PHO KHAM AT UTM TG102650. 1,100 X 70 FT NNE/SSW GRADED EARTH LANDING STRIP, SERVICEABLE FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT. NUMEROUS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE AREA INCLUDING 3 OCCUPIED 105 MM HOWITZER EMPLACEMENTS. TWO CARGO TRUCKS AND NUMEROUS</p>	<p>1859N 10337E</p> <p>1931N 10253E</p> <p>1933N 10214E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>	<p>212-A</p> <p>478</p> <p>207-B</p>	

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PERSONNEL OBSERVED. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1) [REDACTED]				
25X1 LUANG PRABANG AIRFIELD 2 NM NE OF LUANG PRABANG. 5,400 X 60 FT ENE/WSW GRADED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE POL DRUM STORAGE ON SOUTH SIDE OF RUNWAY, A CONTROL TOWER, A COMMUNICATIONS SITE, AND 16 SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS ON NORTH SIDE OF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- ONE C-46 AND ONE C-47. (SEE ATTACHMENT 2) [REDACTED]	1953N 10210E	0617	[REDACTED]	115-A
25X1				
BAN THEUONG AIRFIELD WEST EDGE OF BAN THEUONG AT UTM UG093446. 2,200 X 155 FT E/W SOD LANDING STRIP, APPARENTLY UNSERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE POSSIBLE HANGAR AND 4 SUPPORT BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY TRENCHES. TRACK ACTIVITY OBSERVED ACROSS LANDING STRIP. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1923N 10311E	0617		479
25X1				
XIENG KHOUANG AIRFIELD 15 NM NW OF XIENG KHOUANG.	1927N 10308E	0617	[REDACTED]	130-A

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25X1 5,500 X 65 FT ENE/WSW PSP AND GRADED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED] ONE TANK TRUCK, ONE VAN TRUCK AND 2 CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED]				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
BAN LAT QUAI, MILITARY CAMP TWO AREAS SEPARATED BY NAM SANE (RIVER) ON SOUTH EDGE OF BAN LAT QUAI.  AREA A (WEST BANK OF NAM SANE (RIVER) AT UTM UF540995) -- APPROXIMATELY 10 BUILDINGS, 20 HUTS, AND 13 CARGO TRUCKS.  AREA B (EAST BANK OF NAM SANE (RIVER) AT UTM UF540995) -- 14 BARRACKS AND ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ARRANGED IN A SQUARE PATTERN. [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED]	1859N 10337E	0617		212
XIENG NGEUN, MILITARY CAMP 0.8 NM NORTH OF XIENG NGEUN. CAMP CONTAINS 8 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 2 STORAGE BUILDINGS, 22 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND ONE PARTIALLY RAZED BUILDING. ACTIVITY	1945N 10211E	0617		207



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IN AREA INCLUDES ONE CARGO TRUCK AND NUMEROUS PERSONNEL. A STRONGPOINT IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE CAMP COMPRISES ONE CIRCULAR TRENCH SYSTEM ENCOMPASSING 19 BUILDINGS (ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION) AND 7 AW POSITIONS. (SEE ATTACHMENT 3) <div></div>				
LUANG PRABANG AREA, MILITARY COMPLEX 2 NM NE OF LUANG PRABANG.  AREA A (IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF LUANG PRABANG AIRFIELD) -- MILITARY AREA COMPRISES 4 SEPARATE SUB AREAS WHICH CONTAIN A TOTAL OF 13 BARRACKS, 3 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, AND 22 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS (4 REVETTED). TWO CARGO TRUCKS, ONE UTILITY TRUCK, ONE JEEP, ONE VOLKSWAGEN, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED SEDAN OBSERVED.  AREA B (IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LUANG PRABANG AIRFIELD) -- MILITARY AREA COMPRISES 2 SEPARATE AREAS CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 8 BARRACKS, 7 ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, 39 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND 2 VEHICLE SHEDS. ELEVEN CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED. <div></div>	1953N 10210E	0617		115-B
XIENG KHOUANG, MILITARY STRONGPOINT NW EDGE OF XIENG KHOUANG AT UTM UG286387.	1920N 10322E	0617		130-D

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<p>STRONGPOINT CONSISTS OF A NETWORK OF TRENCHES AND GUN POSITIONS (OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED).</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>XIENG KHOUANG AREA, AAA SITE 0.7 NM NNW OF XIENG KHOUANG AT UTM UG284396. AN OCCUPIED PROBABLE 37 MM AAA SITE, WITH 3 REVETTED POSITIONS, IN AN 8-POINTED STAR PATTERN.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BAN THEUONG, STRONGPOINT ON RIDGE 0.6 NM EAST OF BAN THEUONG AT UTM TG113452. STRONGPOINT CONTAINS 6 BUILDINGS AND NUMEROUS BUNKERS ENCLOSED BY TRENCH SYSTEM. NUMEROUS FOXHOLES, WEAPON EMPLACEMENTS, AND TRENCHES IN THE AREA SURROUND THE STRONGPOINT. MANY OF THESE ARE INUNDATED. ONE DERELICT TRUCK AND ONE DERELICT TANK OBSERVED ALONG THE ROAD IMMEDIATELY NW. (SEE ATTACHMENT 4)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BASIC SERVICES</p> <p>BAN PHO KHAM AREA, FERRY CROSSING 5.5 NM NNW OF BAN PHO KHAM AT UTM TG065737. FERRY CROSSING ON ROUTE 13 COMPRISES ONE MILITARY-TYPE PONTON FERRY WITH 4 PONTONS.</p>	<p>1920N 10322E</p> <p>1923N 10312E</p> <p>1938N 10211E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>	<p>130-I</p> <p>434-D</p> <p>207-H</p>	

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<p>DESTROYED ROAD BRIDGE OBSERVED JUST NORTH OF THE FERRY CROSSING.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>STORAGE</p> <p>BAN SAO, ARMOR STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA FOUR MILITARY AREAS IN THE BAN SAO VICINITY.</p> <p>AREA A (.5 NM NW OF BAN SAO AT UTM UG001503) -- ONE PROBABLE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER BUILDING. TWO DERELICT TANK TRUCKS, 2 DERELICT CARGO TRUCKS, AND ONE DERELICT VAN TRUCK OBSERVED.</p> <p>AREAS B, C, AND D -- IDENTIFICATION ONLY.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>URBAN COMPLEXES</p> <p>LUANG PRABANG COMPLEX</p> <p>COMPLEX, APPROXIMATELY 2 SQ MI IN AREA, COMPRISES SMALL RIVER PORT, MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, BARRACKS, SUPPLY DEPOT, AIRFIELD, AND LIGHT INDUSTRY. IT IS SERVED BY ROUTE 13 FROM THE EAST AND ROUTE 4 FROM THE NORTH.</p> <p>A FERRY, ON ROUTE 4, CROSSES THE NAM KHAN (RIVER) AT A POINT ONE NM NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 13.</p>	<p>1927N 10307E</p> <p>1953N 10208E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>427-E</p> <p>115</p>

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-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
BAN TA VIANG, LANDING STRIP [REDACTED]	1902N 10325E	0617		210
BAN SAO LANDING STRIP [REDACTED]	1927N 10307E	0617		427-D

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## APPENDIX

### COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

### COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

### PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

### CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

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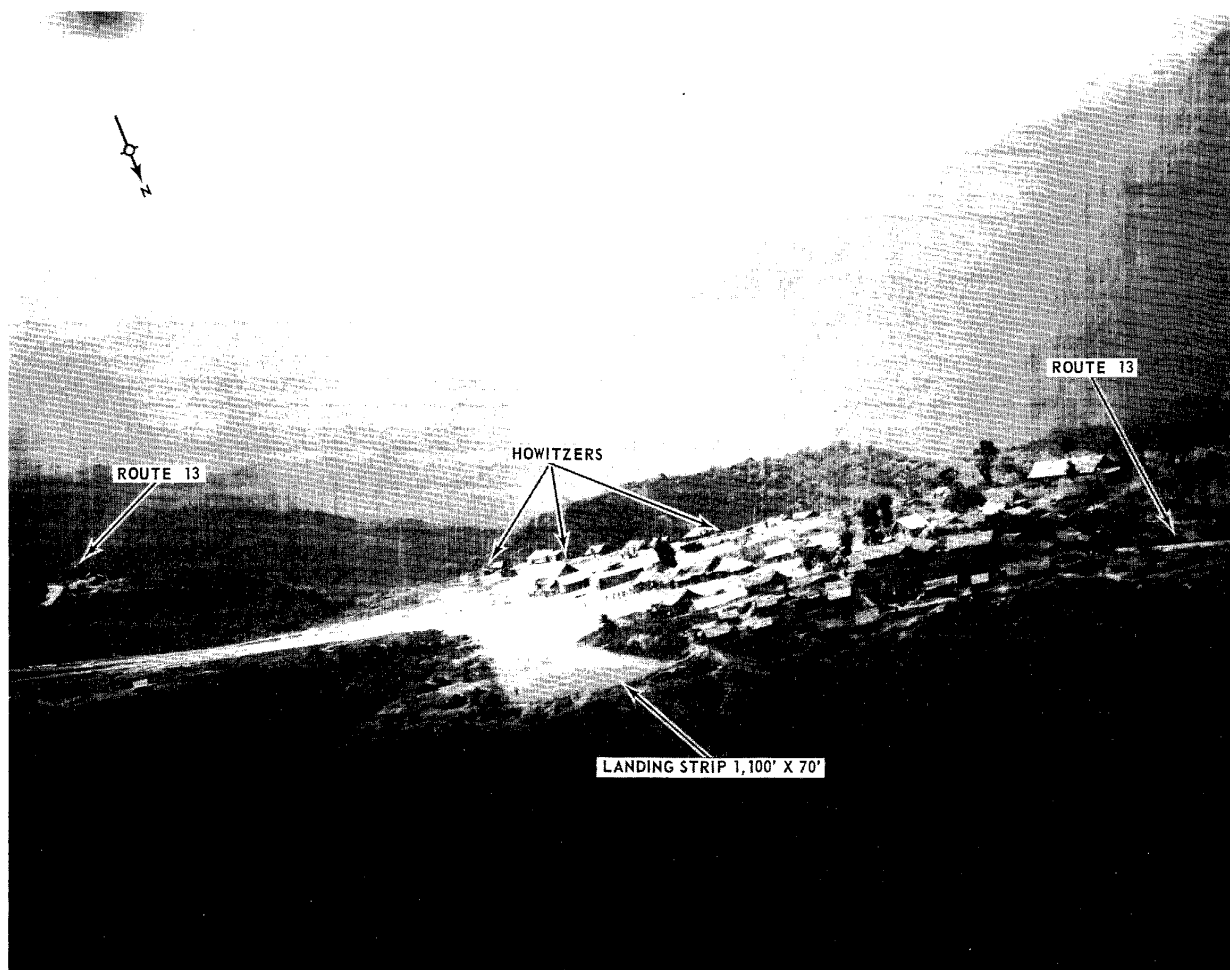
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ATTACHMENT 1



BAN PHO KHAM, LANDING STRIP, LAOS.

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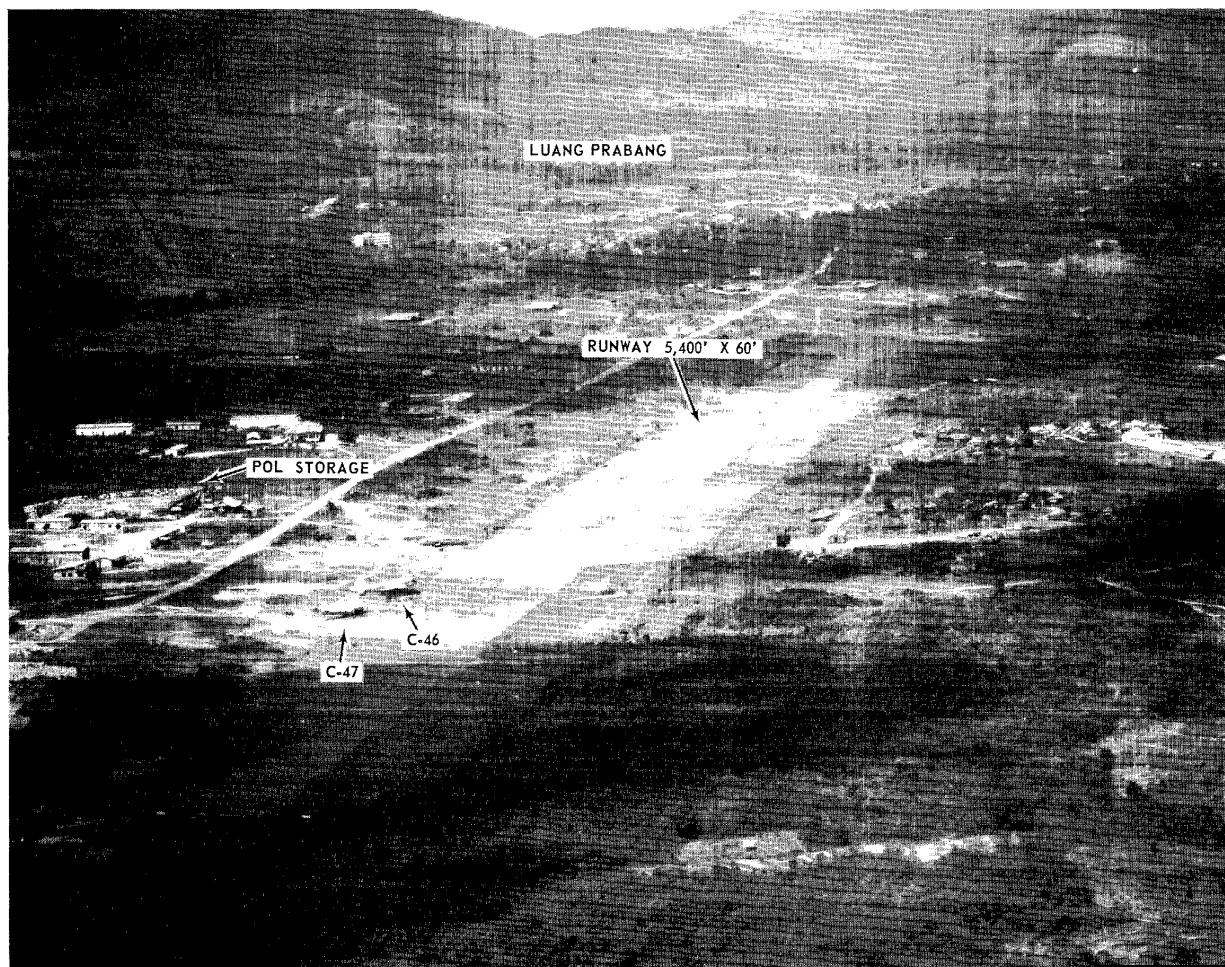
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ATTACHMENT 2



LUANG PRABANG AIRFIELD, LAOS.

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ATTACHMENT 3



XIENG NGEUN, MILITARY CAMP, LAOS.

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ATTACHMENT 4



BAN THEUNG AREA, STRONGPOINT, LAOS.

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